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ANNALS OF NORTHWEST ALABAMA

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SOME FRANKLIN COUNTY, ALABAMA GRAVESTONE RECORDS

By R. L. James**

FRANKFORT CEMETERY¹

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| 1. John Weatherford ²
October 12, 1800
December 16, 1868
Born in Darlington
District, S. C. | 4. John Miller
Aug. 19, 1803—Aug. 3, 1857
He lived a member of the
M. E. Church for 31 years
and died in the triumph
of living faith. |
| 2. Eleanor ³
Consort of
John Weatherford
March 1, 1804—Jan. 1, 1871
Born in Montgomery Co.,
Tennessee. | 5. A. J. Gassaway
Sept. 12, 1837—
March 8, 1877 |
| 3. Dr. W. W. Weatherford ⁴
Mar. 31, 1824—Dec. 30, 1877 | 6. <u>Nancy Flake</u>
Aug. 18, 1822
Nov. 17, 1898 |

* Distributive Education.

** The author collected many Franklin County gravestone records in the 1940's. This list, from the larger collection, was especially prepared for this book in July, 1958.

¹ Frankfort is a former county seat of Franklin County.

² A former sheriff of Franklin County, and father of several children, including Dr. W. W. Weatherford, a physician who represented Franklin a number of times in the state legislature.

³ Daughter of David Enlow.

⁴ Son of John and Eleanor (Enlow) Weatherford.

SOME FRANKLIN COUNTY, ALABAMA GRAVESTONE RECORDS

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| 7. W. T. Z. Flake
Mar. 4, 1847
Feb. 21, 1870 | 12. Reuben Moody ⁵
Apr. 7, 1811—
June 26, 1884 |
| 8. S. W. S. Flake
Dec. 24, 1849
Mar. 28 1879 | 13. Nancy A. Moody ⁶
Sept. 25, 1817
April 17, 1899 |
| 9. C. A. Flake
Jan. 25, 1818
Feb. 6, 1873 | 14. William Chisholm
Apr. 3, 1829
Oct. 23, 1856 |
| 10. R. C. Reed
Dec. 5, 1820
Oct. 10, 1901 | 15. Fred A. Gates
January 16, 1846
May 28, 1887 |
| 11. Permelia B.
Wife of R. C. Reed
Jan. 12, 1825
Jan. 25, 1898 | 16. B. W. Gates
June 2, 1848
Aug. 2, 1889 (?) |

OLD NAUVOO CEMETERY

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| 17. Wm. Guinn
1811—Feb. 1886 | 20. Margaret Campbell
Died Feb. 12, 1871
Aged 80 years
By her son John |
| 18. Margaret
Wife of Wm. Guinn
1823—1883 (?) | 21. Phillip Daniel
Mar. 28, 1834
Feb. 10, 1878 |
| 19. Lydia
Wife of James E. Ellis
March 29, 1834
[Date of death missing] | 22. Thomas J. Nelson
July 9, 1841
June 26, 1889 |

NEW FRIENDSHIP CEMETERY

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| 23. Christana
Wife of
Johnson Sparks
Jan. 11, 1827
Feb. 4, 1911 | 25. J. W. Reid
Dec. 13, 1839
Aug. 18, 1914 |
| 24. N. A. Reid
Feb. 17, 1817
Oct. 15, 1904 | 26. S. C. Reid
Mar. 11, 1842
Mar. 7, 1933 |

⁵ Father of Amos L. Moody, and grandfather of R. J. Moody, both former probate judges of Franklin County.

⁶ Wife of Reuben Moody. After his death she married a Mr. Colfax from Texas.

Life's grand, Dad!

He becomes a new father and grandfather on the same day

Bill Flake became a father AND a grandfather on the same day when his wife gave birth to twins and his daughter had a girl. All three babies were delivered by the same doctor at the same hospital!

"It was a one-family population explosion," beamed Bill, 43. "We're already planning a lifetime of birthday celebrations for the three youngsters. I'm the happiest dad and granddad in the world!"

Bill had raised three daughters by the time his first wife died in 1988. A few months later he rekindled his friendship with high school sweetheart Maureen — and they tied the knot in August 1989. Then last

spring Maureen found out she was pregnant — and so did Bill's 20-year-old daughter Billie Jo.

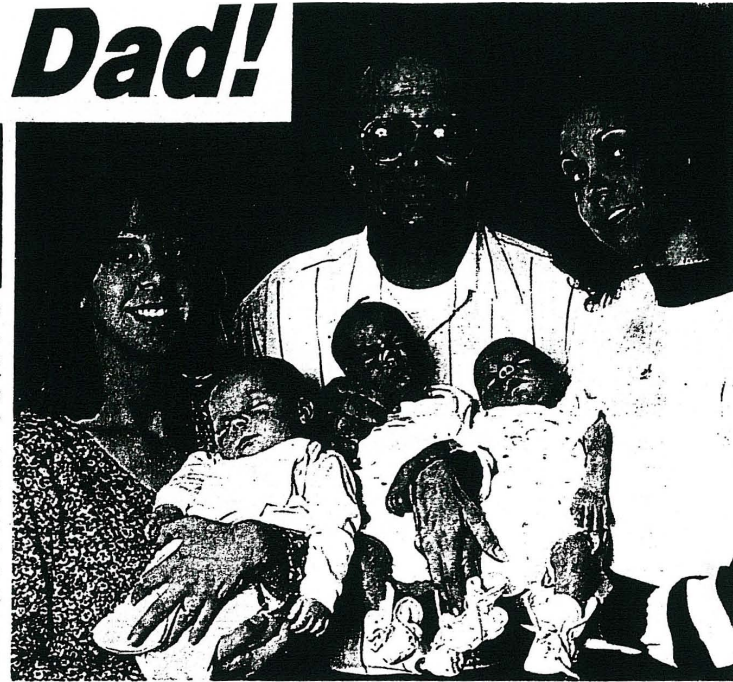
"Billie Jo's due date was December 22 and Maureen's was a month later," said Bill, an oil company worker from Lakewood, Calif. "But when we found out Maureen was expecting twins, the doctor said she could deliver as much as a month before her due date.

"The gals began to kid each other: 'Wouldn't it be fantastic if we were in the hospital together?' But we never thought for a moment it would really happen that way."

The Flake family baby boom came last December 19 at Long Beach Memorial Medical Center. Billie Jo gave birth to daughter Kaitlyn at 1:17 p.m.

And just eight hours later Maureen's twin boys Kody and Kyle were born!

"Both mothers were put in the



ALTOGETHER NOW: Bill Flake with daughter Billie Jo and her baby girl (left) and wife Maureen with their twin boys.

same room with their babies, surrounded by an army of our relatives," Bill said.

"I have never had a feeling like it.

"First I was right there when my granddaughter was born, then a few hours later I saw my twins born. I feel like pinching myself to make

sure it's not just a wonderful dream!"

Added mom Maureen, 42: "Not only did Billie Jo and I deliver on the same day in the same hospital, but the same doctor — Dr. Martin Muth — delivered all three babies. It was the most wonderful day of my life!"

— JAMES McCANDLISH

Have faith!

Doubt sees the obstacles...

Faith sees the way!

Doubt sees the darkest night...

Faith sees the day!

Doubt dreads to take a step...

Faith soars on high!

Doubt questions: "Who believes?"

Faith answers: "I."

— Your Good Neighbor

Grandpop doubles as a new pop

The Flake and Wright families of Lakewood put the theory of relatively to the test on Wednesday. In only eight hours, they produced a father/grandfather and a pair of infant uncles/brothers-in-law.

Bill Flake, 43, and his wife Maureen, 42, checked into Long Beach Memorial Medical Center Monday to await the imminent arrival of their twins. On Tuesday, in the midst of Maureen's labor, Flake's daughter, Billy Jo Wright, 20, arrived at Memorial to give birth to her first child.

On Wednesday, Billy Jo and her husband, Marine Lance/Cpl. Jack Wright, won the race to the delivery room. Grandpop Flake was also present as Kaitlyn Nora arrived at 1:17 p.m.

At 9:11 p.m., Flake was back in the delivery room with Maureen (Billy Jo's stepmother) to assist in the arrival of twins. Kody Aaron and Kyle Anthony.

"It was quite a day and quite a coincidence," says Flake, who notes that the twins arrived one month early and that his granddaughter nearly hit her estimated delivery date (Dec. 22).

The Wrights and Flakes also kept Dr. Martin Muth busy. He delivered all three babies.

The families, who shared the same hospital room before going home on Friday, are still sorting out their new family ties. For example, Jack Wright and Kyle and Cody Flake are brothers-in-law. And Kaitlyn will someday be able to brag that she's older than her twin uncles.



THE BEACHCOMBER
Bill Hillburg

LOC
Press-Telegram / Saturday, December

Kellis Store Was Settlement Prior To Signing Of Dancing Rabbit Pact

By JIM WALTON

On the western heights overlooking the cool transparent waters of Running Tiger in north-west Kemper county, is one of the settlements founded in the county. The settlement was begun before the signing of the Dancing Rabbit Creek Treaty, when white settlers came in from North Carolina, South Carolina and other states to locate in the area. The settlement is known today as Kellis Store.

Louis Kellis, leader of an adventurous pioneer people, came from North Carolina. He and his followers had learned of a beautiful tableland where the soil was fertile and game was plentiful. Other settlers from Tar River, N. C., followed the Kellis colonist, and located in the section. Among these were the Moores, McDaniels, Watkins, Jarvis, Dixons, Haileys, Riddles, Chamberlains and Lampseys.

The leader of the Tar River colonists was Silas Mercer Fain of Spartanburg county, South Carolina. He was a pioneer Baptist preacher and a relative to Jesse Mercer, the founder of Mercer University at Macon, Ga. A number of Fain's descendants and those of Louis Kellis were preachers.

Salem Baptist church, standing in a beautiful grove of primal oaks in the center of the village, was the outgrowth of Silas Mercer Fain and Louis Kellis' preaching. The church organization was originally at Dripping Springs, west of Gholson, but was moved to its present site in 1861. The building was begun by Alec Dixon, but before he completed the structure, he answered the call to arms and was killed during the siege at Vicksburg.

Attractive Farm Home

Just east of the church and in the same grove is the attractive farm home of W. L. Poole. The house is pronounced by visitors to be one of the best equipped country homes in the section. It is furnished with electric lights and other modern equipment.

Mr. Poole, who was reared near Pawticiaw Creek, southeast of DeKalb, moved to Kellis Store about 30 years ago. At first, he occupied a house of the 1850 architectural type, but soon tore away the building and constructed the present home on the site of the old house. There are also many other nice farm homes in the community.

About two miles east of the settlement is a causeway of pine poles said to have been placed there by an army under General Andrew Jackson, when he built the old General Jackson military road from New Orleans to Nashville 1817-1820. These poles, when dug out of the mud, appear as fresh and green as when laid by Jackson's men.

No Indians seemed to have lived in the neighborhood. The closest tribes were the Bogue Chittos in Neshoba and the Pawticiaws south of DeKalb near Blackwater.

THE STORY OF NESHOPA

By R. L. BRELAND

GUICES AND FLAKES

So far as I know only one Guice family came to Neshoba. This family came from Alabama in the pioneer days of Neshoba County and settled southwest of Philadelphia some 12 miles, west of Beasha Creek. We do not have the names of the father and mother in this family, but we have the names of their children. One son was John Shepherd Guice. He had a brother Thomas Guice, and sisters Elizabeth, Cynthia and Mary Ann Guice.

The elder Guice was postmaster of Dixon postoffice in the early days. Near where he settled, on the "old Guice place", was a Presbyterian church named Dixon. Watkins, Majures and others made up the membership. When the postoffice was established it was called Dixon. This old church fell into decay many years ago and the postoffice still exists located some two miles farther south, of which C. C. Roberts is now postmaster.

Tom Guice, one of the original family, went back to Alabama from whence he came as soon as he was grown. He was nearly grown when his parents came to Neshoba, and doubtless he left a little girl over there that he never forgot. So he went back and married her, settled down and lived and died in his native state. Elizabeth Guice married Willis Graves, and her history is not known; Cynthia Guice never married; Mary Ann Guice married Jackie Parker.

John Shepherd Guice (Born in Ala., 1833) married Mary Ann Wiggins (Born in Leake Co., 1836). He fell heir to the old home place and settled there and reared a large and useful family. He was a farmer and perhaps postmaster for a while after the death of his father. For years he was clerk of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church. I now possess the church's old minute book in which he wrote many minutes of conference proceedings.

To the union of John S. Guice and Mary Ann Wiggins were born several children as follows: Albert who died in youth; Savannah E., Missouri, William L., Seborn W., Eliza Jane, Cora Ann and Minnie Lee Guice. All except Albert lived to be grown and married.

Savannah E. Guice married John G. Walton. Their children: Oma Walton who married Bob Johnson; Ollie Walton who married Jim Johnson and after his death married Cleveland Johnson; Mittie Walton married Roy Kennedy; Nettie Walton married Geo. Wells; Ance Walton married Leo Tolbert; Zula M. Walton not married and Roy Walton married Rubye Webb.

Missouri Guice married George Guthrie. Their children: Willie Guthrie married Josephine Johnson; Ola Guthrie married Bob Matthews; Jim Guthrie married Winnie Peden; Rosa and Stella Guthrie married Deck McNair; Dessie Guthrie married Odell Dearing; Sherman Guthrie married Eunice Dearing, and Lonnie died unmarried.

William Lewis Guice married Anna Teel in Texas. They have one child, L. D. Guice.

Seborn W. Guice married Ora Taylor. Their children: Levenia Guice married Fred Black; Roy Guice married a Miss Sanford; Velma Guice married Lloyd Beeland; Flora Guice married Curtis Lofton; Doxey Guice married a Mr. Stokes.

Eliza Jane Guice married Jas. H. Flake. Children: Nellie Flake married Alva Kennedy; Johnnie Flake married Sue Robinson; Milton Flake is single; Fletcher Flake married Effie Thompson; Lee Flake married Jewel McNeill; Bernice Flake is single; Clara Belle Flake married Edwin Parker, and Rolfe Flake still single.

Cora Ann Guice married Luther E. Payne. Children: Hubert Payne married Lyda Miller; Clay Payne married Mary Shepherd; Clois Payne married Eunice Tolbert; L. D. Payne married Jesse Turner; Bonnie Kate Payne married Coster Johnson; Lloyd Payne married Eunice Breland and Ophelia Payne married B. H. Turner.

Minnie, Lea Guice married Henry Moore. Children: Yvonne Moore married Odean White; P. C. Moore is single; Ruthie Moore married Cooper Long; Hazel Moore is single.

John S. and Mary Ann Wiggins Guice sleep in the Mt. Sinai church cemetery. Also Albert Savannah and Missouri sleep there. The others still live. This family is leaving its impression on our county's history.

John Shepherd Guice was a faithful Confederate soldier.

Peter Futrell Flake is the only member of his family who came to our county. He was born in Alabama in 1840. We do not know his parents' names. His mother was a Futrell's relative of the present Governor Futrell of Arkansas. So they are prominently connected.

Peter Flake's father died when he was a small child; he being the only child. His mother married again and young Peter did not like his step-father. At the tender age of nine years he ran away from home and settled near Kalia State in Kemper County, Miss. Here he lived to be grown, and

married Sarah Ann Kellie in 1868. He came with his family to the northwestern part of Neshoba County. He became postmaster of a county postoffice, Flakeville.

He had two children, James H. Flake and Zeneba Flake. James H. Flake married Eliza Jane Guice (See Guice family), and Zeneba married Elisha Parker. She died early after marriage leaving one child, Melfa Parker. She died later.

Peter Flake's wife died and he and his son Jim H. Flake located in the Coldwater community where the son still lives. Peter Futrell Flake died some four years ago. He was a Confederate soldier and a good citizen. His influence will live on even though he is gone.

STEVEN FUTRAL
CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. —
Marine Lance Cpl. Steven R. Futral, son of Larry and Rita Futral of 139 Siowan Ave., Ocean Springs, has been promoted to his present rank while serving with the 2nd Marine Division here.

His wife, Tamara, is daughter of Claude and Annette Pardue of 2710 Hargrove Drive, Ocean Springs.